



DuBois Center

Promote YOUR Camp

A Few Helpful Suggestions *(many from local churches)*

Celebrate Faith Formation through Outdoor Ministries in May and June. Recruit a planning team to brainstorm a list of creative possibilities for **Your Camp Sunday**. Turn them loose to implement the best ideas.

Personally invite young people and their parents to participate in the summer camp program at DuBois Center. When pastors and key lay leaders speak, people listen. Your passion for church camp can be infectious.

Involve experienced campers, volunteers and summer staff in the Children's Message or a special Sunday School event. **Sharing personal testimonies**, special camp stories, games and songs are especially helpful.

Focus on the **goals and values of Christian camping during worship** on Sunday. Music, responsive readings and sermons can all be effective tools for this.

Encourage grandparents to send their grandchildren to camp.

Invite a guest from DuBois Center to join you for worship to share a message, extended mission moment, PowerPoint and/or **for activities during Sunday School**.

Community Outreach: Consider how your congregation might partner with DuBois Center to send children from families with lower incomes in your community to camp. Special funds are available to assist.

Add summer camp slides to your video announcements and show the series as part of your pre-service. These slides are available in two different aspect ratios for download at DuBoisCenter.org.

Post the enclosed camp schedule, posters and flyers throughout your church. Color PDF versions are available for download online at DuBoisCenter.org.

Plan something special for Coffee Hour. Try s'mores or "ants on a log" instead of cookies. Set up a BBQ pit and roast hot dogs, hamburgers or marshmallows. Have DuBois alumni available to answer questions.

Use DuBois Center bulletin inserts – just copy, cut and insert. (Also available to download online at DuBoisCenter.org)

On two or more Sundays, advertise **a special offering to provide financial assistance for your church's youth** to attend camp. Insert offering envelopes in your Sunday bulletins.

Host a **Chili Cook-off** and use the funds raised to help send kids to camp.

Ask the Sunday School or mid-week program to **make a special camp banner**, then hang it in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.

Printable flyers, inserts, slides and other materials can be downloaded at:

DuBoisCenter.org. Click **About Us** and scroll down to **Info for Churches, Summer Camp**



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